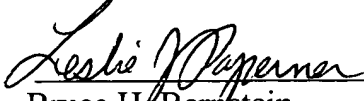


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5. (Amended) The system for detecting a defect on an object having projected portions formed in the same shape along an arc with a predetermined pitch, according to claim 2 [or 4], further comprising a lighting box for placing the inspected object thereon, said imaging means being arranged opposite to an illuminating surface of the lighting box.

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